

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE NEWARK JAZZ FESTIVAL

- **What is the Newark Jazz Festival?**

The Newark Jazz Festival is the largest celebration of jazz music, its heritage and history held in the state of New Jersey.

- **When is it?**

It will run from November 8 - 16, 1997.

- **Where will it be held?**

*Various event sites throughout the City of Newark. **Ticketed** concerts will be held at Newark Symphony Hall (both the Terrace Ballroom and the Sarah Vaughan Concert Hall), and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. **Free** shows will be held at the Newark Public Library, Newark City Hall, Newark Airport, the Gateway Center, the Priory Restaurant, and WBGO-FM's studio.*

- **Why is it held?**

It exists to educate and entertain the public through the study, preservation, promotion, and presentation of all aspects of jazz music, while supporting New Jersey artists, recognizing young emerging talent and promoting the history and image of the City of Newark. It's additional purpose is to improve the quality of life in the greater-Newark area and the State of New Jersey by presenting superior, cultural programs that highlight jazz music and its history.

- **How many Newark Jazz Festivals have there been?**

This is the 7th year of New Jersey's largest music event.

- **Who will be performing this year?**

Over 150 singers, musicians, and other performing artists will be take part. Among others, major performers include Regina Belle, Pieces of a Dream, Sherry Winston, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Shirley Caesar, Betty Carter, Joshua Redmon, Roy Hargrove, Wynton Marsallis, Manny Oquende and LIBRE with Jerry Gonzalez, Ray Barretto, Dave Samuels, and Dave Valentin.

- **How many shows will there be?**

We will present over 25 shows (of which 20 are free) in nearly 15 different locations.

- **How much are tickets?**

Ticket prices will range between \$20 and \$30.

- **How/where can tickets be purchased?**

By phone through any Ticketmaster outlet (973.507.8900) or in person at the Newark Symphony Hall box office (973.643.8009) or the New Jersey Performing Arts Center box office (1.888.GO.NJPAC).

- **How can someone get a schedule of events?**

Call the festival hotline (1.888.887.6647) and we will mail you a brochure or stop by one of the many area spots and pick one up, including Newark Penn Station, Newark City Hall, Gateway Hilton Hotel, and Newark Symphony Hall.

- **Who's appeared at the jazz festival before?**

Some of the biggest names in jazz music. Among others, George Benson, Nancy Wilson, Tony Bennett, Mel Torme, Jonathan Butler, Najee, Cassandra Wilson, Rachelle Farrell, Joe Williams, Bill Cosby, Abby Lincoln, McCoy Tyner, Stanley Turrentine, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Arturo Sandoval, Paquito D'Rivera, Diane Reeves, Ramsey Lewis, Gil Scott Heron, Roy Hargrove, the Count Basie Orchestra, Will Downing, Eartha Kitt, Tania Maria, and Gloria Lynn.

- **Will George Benson be performing again?**

Maybe ... maybe not. While he has appeared several times in our 7-year history (including headlining last year's Organ Jam concert), George is serving as our 1997 honorary chairperson. Yes, he will be appearing at several events and probably perform one or more times before the festival ends.